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You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: Insert (enclosed)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Answer all questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do not write on any bar codes.
- You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
- Calculators must not be used in this paper.

### **INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- No marks will be awarded for using brand names of software packages or hardware.
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

Refer to the **insert** for the list of pseudocode functions and operators.

1 (a)	A programmer is testing a program using an Integrated Development Environment (IDE). The programmer wants the program to stop when it reaches a specific instruction or program statement in order to check the value assigned to a variable.					
	Give the technical term for the position at which	the program stops.				
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(b)	The following table lists some activities from the	program development life	e cycle.			
	Complete the table by writing the life cycle stage	for each activity.				
	Activity	Life cycle stage				
	An identifier table is produced.					
	Syntax errors can occur.					
	The developer discusses the program requirem	nents with the customer.				
	A trace table is produced.					
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(c)	An identifier table includes the names of identifie	ers used.				
	State <b>two other</b> pieces of information that the identifier table should contain.					
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(d)	The pseudocode statements in the following table may contain errors.					
	State the error in each case or write 'NO ERROR' if the statement contains no error.					
	You can assume that none of the variables refer	enced are of an incorrect	type.			
	Statement	Error				
	Status ← TRUE AND FALSE					
	IF LENGTH("Password") < "10" THEN					
	Code ← LCASE("Electrical")					
	Result ← IS_NUM(-27.3)					

- 2 An algorithm is described as follows:
  - 1. Input an integer value.
  - 2. Jump to step 6 if the value is less than zero.
  - 3. Call the function IsPrime() using the integer value as a parameter.
  - 4. Keep a count of the number of times function IsPrime() returns TRUE.
  - 5. Repeat from step 1.
  - 6. Output the value of the count with a suitable message.

Draw a program flowchart to represent the algorithm.

START		
END		

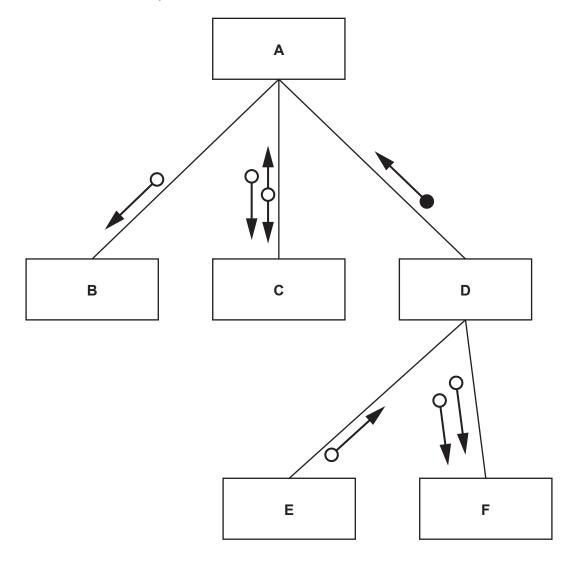
3 (a) The module headers for five modules in a program are defined in pseudocode as follows:

Pseudocode module header
FUNCTION Mod_V(S2 : INTEGER) RETURNS BOOLEAN
PROCEDURE Mod_W(P4 : INTEGER)
PROCEDURE Mod_X(T4 : INTEGER, BYREF P3 : REAL)
PROCEDURE Mod_Y(W3 : REAL, Z8 : INTEGER)
FUNCTION Mod_Z(F3: REAL) RETURNS INTEGER

An additional module Head () repeatedly calls three of the modules in sequence.

A structure chart has been partially completed.

(i) Complete the structure chart to include the information given about the six modules.Do not label the parameters and do not write the module names.



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(ii) Complete the table using the information in **part 3(a)** by writing each module name to replace the labels **A** to **F**.

Label	Module name
Α	
В	
С	
D	
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(b)	The structure chart represents part of a complex problem. The process of decomposition is
	used to break down the complex problem into sub-problems.

Describe **three** benefits of this approach.

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- 4 (a) A procedure LastLines() will:
  - take the name of a text file as a parameter
  - output the **last** three lines from that file, in the same order as they appear in the file.

# Note:

- Use local variables LineX, LineY and LineZ to store the three lines from the file.
- You may assume the file exists and contains at least three lines.

Write pseudocode for the procedure LastLines().
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(b)	The algorithm in <b>part (a)</b> is to be amended. The calling program will pass the number of lines to be output as well as the name of the text file.
	The number of lines could be any value from 1 to 30.
	It can be assumed that the file contains at least the number of lines passed.
	Outline three changes that would be needed.
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5 Study the following pseudocode. Line numbers are for reference only.

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10 PROCEDURE Encode()
11
     DECLARE CountA, CountB, ThisNum : INTEGER
12
     DECLARE ThisChar : CHAR
13 DECLARE Flag: BOOLEAN
14 CountA \leftarrow 0
15
   CountB \leftarrow 10
16 Flag ← TRUE
17
    INPUT ThisNum
18
   WHILE ThisNum <> 0
19
        ThisChar ← LEFT (NUM TO STR (ThisNum), 1)
20
        IF Flag = TRUE THEN
21
            CASE OF ThisChar
22
               '1' : CountA ← CountA + 1
               '2' : IF CountB < 10 THEN
23
24
                         CountA \leftarrow CountA + 1
25
                     ENDIF
26
               '3' : CountB ← CountB - 1
27
               '4' : CountB \leftarrow CountB - 1
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                     Flag \leftarrow FALSE
29
               OTHERWISE : OUTPUT "Ignored"
30
           ENDCASE
31
        ELSE
32
            IF CountA > 2 THEN
33
               Flag \leftarrow NOT Flag
34
               OUTPUT "Flip"
35
            ELSE
36
               CountA \leftarrow 4
37
            ENDIF
38
        ENDIF
39
        INPUT ThisNum
40
   ENDWHILE
41
    OUTPUT CountA
42 ENDPROCEDURE
```

(a) Procedure Encode () contains a loop structure.

Identify the type of loop **and** state the condition that ends the loop.

Do **not** include pseudocode statements in your answer.

Туре	 	 	 
Condition	 	 	 

(b)	Complete the trace table below by dry running the procedure <code>Encode()</code> when the following
	alues are input:

The first row is already complete.

ThisNum	ThisChar	CountA	CountB	Flag	OUTPUT
		0	10	TRUE	

(c)	Procedure ${\tt Encode}()$ is part of a modular program. Integration testing is to be carried out of the program.
	Describe integration testing.

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**6** A string represents a series of whole numbers, separated by commas.

For example:

"12,13,451,22"

#### Assume that:

- the comma character ',' is used as a separator
- the string contains only the characters '0' to '9' and the comma character ','.

A procedure Parse will:

- take the string as a parameter
- extract each number in turn
- calculate the total value and average value of all the numbers
- output the total and average values with a suitable message.

Write pseudocode for the procedure.
PROCEDURE Parse(InString : STRING)

ENDPROCEDURE	[7]

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Арі	rogramming language has string functions equivalent to those given in the <b>insert</b> .
The	e language includes a LEFT() and a RIGHT() function, but it does not have a MID() function
(a)	Write pseudocode for an algorithm to implement your own version of the $\texttt{MID}()$ function which will operate in the same way as that shown in the <b>insert</b> .
	Do <b>not</b> use the MID() function given in the <b>insert</b> , but you may use any of the other function
	Assume that the values passed to the function will be correct.
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(b)	The values passed to your MID() function in <b>part (a)</b> need to be validated.
	Assume that the values are of the correct data type.
	State <b>two</b> checks that could be applied to the values passed to the function.
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**8** A program allows a user to save passwords used to log in to websites. A stored password is then inserted automatically when the user logs in to the corresponding website.

A global 2D array Secret of type STRING stores the passwords together with the website domain name where they are used. Secret contains 1000 elements organised as 500 rows by 2 columns.

Unused elements contain the empty string (""). These may occur anywhere in the array.

An example of a part of the array is:

Array element	Value
Secret[27, 1]	"thiswebsite.com"
Secret[27, 2]	"•••••
Secret[28, 1]	"thatwebsite.com"
Secret[28, 2]	"•••••

#### Note:

- For security, the passwords are stored in an encrypted form, shown as "•••••••" in the example.
- The passwords cannot be used without being decrypted.
- You may assume that the encrypted form of a password will NOT be an empty string.

The programmer has started to define program modules as follows:

Module	Description
Exists()	<ul> <li>Takes two parameters:         <ul> <li>a string</li> <li>a character</li> </ul> </li> <li>Performs a case-sensitive search for the character in the string</li> <li>Returns TRUE if the character occurs in the string, otherwise returns FALSE</li> </ul>
Encrypt()	<ul> <li>Takes a password as a parameter of type string</li> <li>Returns the encrypted form of the password as a string</li> </ul>
Decrypt()	<ul> <li>Takes an encrypted password as a parameter of type string</li> <li>Returns the decrypted form of the password as a string</li> </ul>

Note: in a case-sensitive comparison, 'a' is not the same as 'A'.

)	Write pseudocode for the module Exists().
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- (b) A new module SearchDuplicates () will:
  - search for the **first** password that occurs more than once in the array and output a message each time a duplicate is found.

For example, if the same password was used for the three websites ThisWebsite.com, website27.net and websiteZ99.org, then the following messages will be output:

"Password for ThisWebsite.com also used for website27.net"
"Password for ThisWebsite.com also used for website299.org"

end once all messages have been output.

The module will output a message if no duplicates are found. For example:

"No duplicate passwords found"

Write efficient pseudocode for the module SearchDuplicates(). Encrypt() and Decrypt() functions have been written.

Note: It is necessary to decrypt each password before checking its value.

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**(c)** A password has a fixed format, consisting of **three groups of four** alphanumeric characters, separated by the hyphen character '-'.

An example of a password is:

"FxAf-3haV-Tq49"

# Each password must:

- be 14 characters long
- be organised as three groups of four alphanumeric characters. The groups are separated by hyphen characters
- not include any duplicated characters, except for the hyphen characters.

An algorithm is needed for a new function <code>GeneratePassword()</code>, which will generate and return a password in this format.

Assume that the following modules have already been written:

Module	Description
Exists()	<ul> <li>Takes two parameters:         <ul> <li>a string</li> <li>a character</li> </ul> </li> <li>Performs a case-sensitive search for the character in the string</li> <li>Returns TRUE if the character occurs in the string, otherwise returns FALSE</li> </ul>
RandomChar()	<ul> <li>Generates a single random character from within one of the following ranges: <ul> <li>'a' to 'z'</li> <li>'A' to 'Z'</li> <li>'0' to '9'</li> </ul> </li> <li>Returns the character</li> </ul>

Note: in a case-sensitive comparison, 'a' is not the same as 'A'.

Describe the algorithm for GeneratePassword().		
Do <b>not</b> use pseudocode statements in your answer.		
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